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AKIRA KURIYAMA ET AL. ) Previous Group Art Unit: 1724  
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For: METHOD FOR DECOMPOSING )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the documents available in Application No. 09/880,760, from which the present application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, are not enclosed.

Also, since the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003, no copies of such documents are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, *inter alia*, in the specification where they are cited, in the English language abstracts attached thereto and/or in the previously submitted European Search Report. In addition,

the concise explanation of relevance for JP 7-51675 may be found in corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,578,193.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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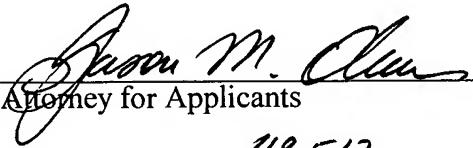
A copy of this application has been submitted in the parent application and is therefore not enclosed herewith.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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		<b>6,610,178 B2</b>	<b>08/26/03</b>	<b>Kato et al.</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>158.21</b>	
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